THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government has decided to introduce in Parliament a Bill on Broadcasting with a view to licence and regulate Direct to Home Service in India in addition to other broadcasting services. Meanwhile, the notification referred above is being enforced.

Number of tourists visited India during 1995-96

*535. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY:
SHRI RAMJI LAL:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of tourists who visited India during the year 1995-96 together with the amount earned from them;

(b) whether the said number of tourists was lower than that of the previous year;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what efforts are being made by Government to boost tourism industry in the country?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA KUMAR JENA): (a) to (c) Total number of foreign tourists who visited India and the estimated foreign exchange earnings from tourism during the years 1994-95 and 1995-96 are as given below:—

Year	Foreign Tourist arrivals	% change	Estimated foreign exchange earnings (Rs. crores)	% change
1994-95	1907320	—	7365.61	—
1995-96	2190334	14.8	9185.88	24.7

There was no decline in tourist traffic during 1995-96.

(d) Efforts being made to boost tourism industry in the country include improvement of infrastructural facilities for tourism, development of tourist attractions, strengthening of publicity and promotional efforts, human resource development and encouraging private investment.

Setting up of a separate Directorate of Indian System of Medicine and Homoeopathy in New Delhi

*536. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH KALYAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have established a separate Directorate of Indian System of Medicine and Homoeopathy in New Delhi;

(b) if so, the reasons for its establishment; and

(c) if not, what steps are being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) and (b) At present, no separate Directorate of ISM & Homoeopathy exists. However, the Government has set-up a separate Department of ISM & Homoeopathy under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for promotion and development of the Indian Systems of Medicine, namely, Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha and drug less therapies of Yoga and Naturopathy as well as Homoeopathy.

(c) Question does not arise.

Lightning strike by ATCOs

*537. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI:
SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether last month there was a lightning strike by ATCOs;

(b) if so, the details of circumstances leading thereto;

(c) the details of losses caused thereby; and

(d) steps taken/contemplated to check recurrence of such situation?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The strike was resorted to as a result of the suspension of an officer belonging to Air Traffic Control who was considered responsible for an airmiss incident.

(c) Airports Authority of India — Rs. 3.67 crores;
Indian Airlines — 15.70 crores;
Air India — Rs. 3.02 crores.

(d) A contingency plan has been formulated to meet such eventualities in future. The plan includes close coordination between civil and military Air Traffic Controllers. There is also a programme to familiarise the Air Taffic Controllers of the Indian Air Force and Navy with the Civil air traffic procedures, so that the air traffic services could be carried out with the help of the defence personnel whenever necessary.

Leprosy Cases in Madhya Pradesh

*538. SHRI LAKKHI RAM AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of leprosy cases in each State as on date; and

(b) the number of new cases detected in Madhya Pradesh recently?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) A statement indicating the number of leprosy cases in each State/UT is laid on the table of the House (*see below*)

(b) New cases detected in 1996-97 till February, 1997 in the State of Madhya Pradesh are 33357.

Statement

Number of Leprosy cases on Record

S. No.	State/UT	Cases on record	Reports received upto the month
1	2	3	4
1	Andhra Pradesh	44005	2/97
2	Arunachal Pradesh	561	2/97
3	Assam	8080	2/97
4	Bihar	108715	2/97
5	Goa	361	3/97
6	Gujarat	15795	3/97
7	Haryana	555	3/97
8	Himachal Pradesh	1860	2/97
9	Jammu & Kashmir	1842	1/97
10	Karnataka	17250	3/97